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THE KEY TO TRANSITIONAL MEDI-CAL (TMC) ELIGIBILITY

A TMC eligibility evaluation should be completed whenever a household is discontinued from 1931(b) due to an increase in earned income/excess hours of employment.

- TMC eligibility is comprised of an initial six month period and an additional six month period.
- If determined eligible, a household is eligible to an initial **full six months** of TMC.
- Certain requirements must be met to qualify for the additional six months.

Initial Six Months requirements:

- Received 1931(b) in three of the last six months.
- Discontinued from 1931(b) due to excess **earned** income.
- Household contains a child under age 18 or an 18 yr old in school and expected to graduate before age 19.

Additional Six Months requirements:

- Received initial TMC for the **entire** six months.
- Continues to reside in LA County.
- Household contains a child under age 18 or an 18 yr old in school and expected to graduate before age 19.
- Continues to be employed.
- Earnings not to exceed 185% Federal Poverty Level (FPL).
- Comply with TMC quarterly reporting.

Failure to meet any of the additional six months requirements at any point within the period calls for immediate termination of TMC eligibility with a timely notice and re-evaluation of ongoing medical eligibility.

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PREVENT AUDIT ERRORS

This is to remind staff to check the Income & Eligibility Verification System (IEVS) at every Annual redetermination.

- ➢ **Check IEVS** if the beneficiary reported income the previous year and indicates no changes for the current redetermination.
- ➢ **Check IEVS** when the household reports income.
- ➢ **Check IEVS** when the household composition changes.

All new and old income must be verified every year at redetermination.

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NEW STANDARDS FOR MEDS PASSWORDS

- Staff that have access to the Medi-Cal Eligibility Data System (MEDS) are required to change their log-in passwords every 90 days. The Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) has created new standards for passwords that must be followed at the next <u>required</u> password change. The new passwords must have the following:

> ♦ Passwords must be <u>exactly</u> 8 characters in length.
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> ♦ Passwords are case sensitive and must contain:
>> ⇒ At least one alphabetic uppercase character (A-Z)
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>> ⇒ At least one alphabetic lowercase letter (a-z), and
>>
>> ⇒ At least one number (0-9)
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> ♦ Passwords cannot be any of the 32 prior passwords.

Note: Passwords may include a special character instead of the alphabetic uppercase character, however, the <u>only</u> characters that may be used are #, @, or $. A special character is optional, not mandatory for the new password. Staff should not begin the password with a number or a special character.

- Access to MEDS will be revoked after <u>three</u> (3) consecutive unsuccessful log-in attempts. If a MEDS password is revoked, staff must contact their District/Office MEDS Location Security Officer to request that the password be reset.

Reference: MEDS Change Cycle Letter 357 Installed February 3, 2012.

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DEATH MATCH ALERTS ON BUSINESS OBJECTS

Staff are reminded that death match alerts can be retrieved from Business Objects. Select your district office in the consolidated MEDS Alert Report on Business Objects and review for MEDS Alerts Messages # 9003, 9004, and 2130.

Need more information on how to retrieve these alerts? Pleaser refer to the April 19, 2012 MEDS Liaison Forum PowerPoint for step-by-step instructions

Reference: Business Objects Power Point rev. 4-18-2012.

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